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## St. Patrick's Day

Ah-h, Mary Ann, wake up! 'Tis odd How long ye slape,-'tis late; Yer eyes fur sure wid lead are shod; There's music in the strate! 'Tis off Oi am to cilibrate,-The rale ould-fashioned way;

Much plisure Oi anticipate, Fur 'tis Saint Pathrick's Day.

In the peerade Of've ofthen throd The pavement wid me fate, But in the ranks no more Oi plod,-Ol'll take a carriage sate; Oi'll wear me sash o' grane so

Wid yillow harrups gay, An' go and' hear the la-ads orate, Fur 'tis Saint Pathrick's Day.

Whin Oi was carryin' the hod, We'd scarce enough to ate, But since that toime Of've made me

In conthracts wid the State; An' Mick me b'y's a magisthrate, "Tis proud Of am to say. Stir up, me frinds, an' irrigate,-Sure, 'tis Saint Pathrick's Day.

Twilve cousins from the Imerald sod Oi've on the foorce; an' wait, Of've but to t'row the Boss a nod .-Mesfif he'll nominate To be the Congriss candidate;

An' will Ol run? Ol may. So wish me luck,-Oi'm standin' trate. Fur 'tis Saint Pathrick's Day.

Hibernians, yer counthry great Wid pride ye may survey; Yet sure 't would not be up to date Widout Saint Pathrick's Day.

#### The Story of St. Patrick By Rev. Father Chidwick.

St. Patrick did not land on the shores of Ireland and expect the nation to fall down at his feet. For thirty or more years he studied to prepare himself for the work. Nor did he begin by preaching to the ignorant. He attacked the highest intellects-the Druids-first, and he knew that once he pursued them they would be his apostles.

Since the Confessions of St. Patrick have been accepted as authentic we have something to rely upon for

a knowledge of him. His name was Patricius in the original. This indicates that he was a man of noble birth, a Roman. From circumstantial evidence it is believed that he was the son of an officer in the Roman legions, and had been born and brought up in a Roman camp in the North of England sometime late in the fourth century.

He lived in this camp until his sixteenth year. He was a Christian, as most Romans in England were at that date, but seldom heard of God in the camp. He notes that in his

In a raid of the Irish on the North of England he was captured and taken to Ireland. Six years he remained in bondage. There are stories of how he was roused at night by a voice that called upon him to hasten to the shore and embark, a stowaway, on a ship that was about to sail. Whether there is truth in the legend or not it is evident that he escaped when in his twenty-second year, the sixth of his bondage.

He made his way back to the North of England and presumably took possession of his estates, or at least obtained recognition of his birth. It is evident that he had a position and probably a fortune.

He stayed at home some time. One night he tells of a vision that came to him. He saw the Irish people crying out to him to save them from the pagan worship that he had witnessed.

So impressed was he that immediately he resolved to prepare himself to be a missionary among them. He knew the Irish people, knew their priests and history. Unless he could preach to their priests he knew he could not reach their people.

He tells then of sailing for France. For years he was a pupil of St. Martin, at Tours afterward one of the patron saints of France, and with St. Germanus he soon knew all they could teach him. Then he went to the Erlius Islands, where he spent thirty years preparing himself for

Armed at every point, he set out for Rome. It was from one of the early Innocents that he received his commission, when about sixty years old, to undertake the life work for which he received the inspiration when twenty-odd years old.

Landing in Ireland, he made his way direct to the men whose sway he had come to contest-the Drutd priests, the poets and the historians. He talked with them and presented the doctrine of Christianity as the fruit of his thirty-odd years of study.

They received him as a scholar. It must be remembered that the Druid civilization was the highest type of its generation and that Ireland was the most highly civilized

nation in the world at the time. St. Patrick challenged the Druids to a public debate, as we would call it to-day. The most learned Druids came from their meditations and argued before the people with the new truth. They fell behind and followed him, conquered by his learning, his

logic and inspiration. When they had acknowledged the new faith as the truth they had been reaching out blindly for in the worship of the stars, the moon and the sun, thousands became Christians, monasteries arose, Ireland was electrified with its new belief that had the sanction of its learned and wise

St. Patrick was the unifier and the

founder of the nation. He revised the Brehon laws, a loose set of stat-utes, defining the relations of the people and the King. Their King was merely nominal, the love of individual liberty being dominant in every Irishman then as it is to-day.

Around the hierarchy of the bishop and the priesthood St. Patrick drew the clans together in a brotherhood.

To the modern reader this may seem like the work of an ardent reformer merely, but when it is considered that from a faith in which their hearts had been buried for centuries, St. Patrick had led the people to a new faith-and separated them from customs and habits that their forefathers had held sacred from time immemorial and consecrated them to the love of the living God, and seen that consecration fructify in the erection of institutions of faith and piety in his own lifetime, it is easily seen that St. Patrick accomplished a miracle in the history of the world.

St. Patrick died, I believe, at Armagh, when about ninety years of age, after having, without one drop of blood, won one of the flercest nations to the Truth-from which Truth they have never swerved to this day.

In the years and centuries following St. Patrick's death it was seen that Ireland took her place as the savior of the world.

She became the mother of the missionaries that stemmed the tide of barbarian paganism and regenerated Europe after the barbarian devastation had driven Christianity from its

It is said that shortly after St. Patrick's death there were 4,000 disciples of the Church in the convents and monasteries of Ireland. All devoted themselves to fighting the pagan idolatry of the barbarians from the north, who had swept down Europe and to halt only in Rome. So not only Ireland but all the world of Christianity owes a debt of gratitude to St. Patrick

Of course before St. Patrick's time there had been Christian missionaries in Ireland. There were vestiges of it there when he arrived.

Protestants claim that St. Patrick worked independent of Rome because there are few communications on record between the Pope and

The very absence of communications between Rome and St. Patrick indicates that he worked in full accordance with Rome.

#### Green Cream of Fish Soup.

The following makes an excellent fish soup, and may be colored a delicate green by the addition of spinach coloring, made from spinach boiled to a pulp and squeezed through a sieve. This, of course, if one does not approve of the green coloring liquid. A few bits of parsley should float daintily about the top. Here is the recipe:

Cream of Fish Soup-Rid cold cooked fish (fresh) of any kind of bones, fat and skin, and mince fine; season to taste. For each cupful of this allow two cupfuls of boiling water, in which a sliced onion has been boiled, and set over the fire to cook. Heat in another saucepan a cup of milk, not forgetting the pinch of soda. When boiling stir into it a tablespoonful of butter rubbed smooth with a teaspoonful of flour. Add half a cupful of bread dust, already soaked soft in the same quantity of cold milk. Beat well together over the fire with a raw egg whipped light, pour into a tureen, turn in upon it, stirring all the while, the boiling fish and water. As soon as it is thoroughly mixed send to table.

### Hounds Discovered Fox's Trick.

In the stone wall countries of Ireland foxes sometimes resort to the stratagem of running along the top of the walls for a considerable distance, throwing hounds off the scent.

There was an incident of this kind with the Waterford Hounds after their meet at Carrick-on-Suir. A fox jumped on to the top of a wall at Corbally, but Mr. Pollok was equal to the emergency and held his hounds along by the side. Suddenly one of the pack jumped on to the wall, and running along the top carried the scent unerringly for a mile and a half. Finding his tactics of no avail, the fox took to terra firma, but the hounds were now close on his brush and bowled him over.

### Chinese Learning Spinning.

Six young Chinamen are among the pupils of the New Bedford, Mass., textile school, having been sent to this country to learn all about the making of cotton fabrics. The purpose in this procedure is to expedite China's industrial development. Not only will their government expect them to develop their talents to the best advantage, but their services will be required in imparting to others less favored than themselves a knowledge of modern methods of spinning and weaving cot-

### Heights and Seasons.

Averages for the height of women show that those born in summer and autumn are taller than those born in spring or winter. The tallest girls are born in August. As far as boys are concerned, those who first see the light during autumn and winter are not so tall as those born in spring and summer. Those born in November are the shortest; in July the tallest.

Hats were first made by a Swiss. They were introduced in Paris in 1404, and in England in 1510. Silk hats were introduced in 1830,

#### FARMING AS A GAME OF CHANCE County Normal Notes. Farming has never been classed as gambling yet apparently there is no

reason why it should not be.

takes everything in sight.

The farmer is always betting his

crop against the weather. Sometimes

he wins, and sometimes that indus-

trious firm, Pluvius and Drought,

The farmer's chief gambling how-

ever, comes in matters affecting the

market. If he guesses that potatoes

will be the big money crop of the year

in all probability pumpkins or squash

will go soaring, and potatoes will hard-

ly be worth digging from the ground.

If a few farmers make money in cab-

bage during one season, all the farm-

ers in their district will specialize in

cabbage the following year, and the

result will be a demoralized cabbage

market. If a farmer buys cattle for a

rise, some outlandish country in South

America will suddenly flood the world

market with beef, and steers will not

be worth hauling to market. If he

goes in for hogs he is gambling against

not only the market but the cholera

as well. If he raises garden truck, all

the vegetarians in his section of the

There are successful farmers, but

they are merely successful bettors.

They would be successful in poker,

stock dealing, or in winning the prize

quilts at church affairs. Guessing the

turn of a card or the stopping place

of a wheel, or telling which way a

Wall Street stock will jump, is mere

ly the same sort of thing a farmer

does when he picks out the crop that

proves to be the harvest time winner.

It is impossible to picture John Oak-

hurst or Jack Hamlin making a fail-

ure of farming, the greatest and old-

est gambling game known to man,-

The most costly thimble in the world

is owned by the Queen of Siam. It is

shaped like a lotus bud, and is made

of gold, thickly studded with dia

Every immigrant child arriving at

United States port of entry will

henceforth be reported immediately

to the schol authorities in the locali-

ty to which he is destined, so that

he may be placed in school without

An old bachelor says the friendship

The man with but a single idea al-

It isn't always the clock with the

loudest tick that keeps the best time.

ways has an exalted opinion of him-

of two women is always a plot sgainst

From Judge.

loss of time.

country will begin dieting on meat.

Florance Milner Miss Cora Driggett and Miss Nowand were visitors at the normal room

last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Taggert called at the normal room Tuesday afternoon.

Hazel Richardson was absent from school last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on account of illness.

Miss Himes gave the class a very interesting report of the mid-winter meeting of the National Educational Association at Detroit, which she at-

from school Monday morning on account of illness.

Miss Price gave the class some very Hite's Drug Store. valuable suggestions on the use of publications sent out by the various state departments and the United should read cook books,

States government departments.

Friday morning the members of the normal class had the pleasure of seeing several "Evening Grosbeaks" in the trees by the library. These birds have aroused considerable interest about town and it is indeed a rare opportunity to see them. They are very beautifully colored birds and do not come to this vicinity every year.

We now have a piano in the normal room. Mrs. Connor has kindly permitted the class to use it until spring.

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